

Watson Park Monthly Update for July 2008

▪ **Watson Park Master Plan and Environmental Clearance to City Council**

The Watson Park Master Plan and environmental clearance documents are scheduled to go before City Council for approval on September 23, 2008. The Master Plan and link to the environmental clearance document can be found on the PRNS web site at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/watsonpark/WatsonReports.asp>

▪ **SAVE THE DATE – Upcoming Community Meeting**

Because the Council meeting noticed above represents a long-awaited milestone, staff thought that this would be a good time to check back in with the community. To that end, the following meeting time been scheduled with the agenda to be distributed in September.

What: Watson Park Community Meeting

Date: September 24, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Empire Gardens Elementary School, 1060 East Empire Street

▪ **Watson Park Site Remediation and Phase 1 Improvements**

Progress is moving swiftly as staff works furiously to complete construction documents in September for the Watson Park Site Remediation and Phase I Improvements. These documents are an integral part of the Federal and State permit approval process that is currently on schedule for completion in January.

Good News - Suggestions and feedback received at the May 22nd CPAC meeting has been incorporated into the Phase 1 Improvement project by revising "Option C" with 5 "Add Alternates." If you are unfamiliar with the public bidding process, the City is required by law to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive bidder. Because bids can vary widely, the "add alternate" method allows the City to seek bids on a "base" or main contract work with bids for additional work separated out from the base cost. By bidding add alternates, if the base bid comes in low and/or more funding becomes available, additional construction can take place without having to go through the bid and award process again – saving time and money. Below is a description of the base bid for the Watson Park Site Remediation and Phase 1 Improvements with the 5 Add Alternates.

Site Remediation and Phase I Improvements - Base Bid:

- *Site remediation:* demolition, site clearing, earthwork and grading
- *Site preparation:* installation of storm drain, sanitary sewer & electrical work
- *Site Improvements (Option C as selected on May 22nd):*
 - one soccer field
 - two basketball courts
 - dog park
 - partial asphalt concrete parking and roadway

- landscaping and irrigation
- pathways of decomposed granite and concrete
- miscellaneous site furnishings

Add Alt. No. 1: *Restroom Building* - restroom, perimeter concrete paving and irrigation and landscape work.

Add Alt. No. 2: *Soccer Field Amenities* - installation of perimeter chain link fence and access gates, bleachers, soccer goal with nets and night-use field lighting.

Add Alt. No. 3: *Dog Park Amenities* - concrete paving in lieu of decomposed granite paving; tubular steel fence in lieu of chain link fence; message board, storage shed, shade structure, picnic tables and benches.

Add Alt. No. 4: *Tot and Youth Play Lot* -Tot and Youth play equipment, concrete pathways, resilient play lot surfacing, drainage system, drinking fountain, picnic tables and benches, associated irrigation and landscape work.

Add Alt. No. 5: Concrete paving walking circuit and pathway to dog park in lieu of decomposed granite paving

To view graphics related to the Watson Park Phase I Improvements, visit

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/watsonpark/WatsonReports.asp>